contacts being offset laterally of the wiping surfaces and being rearward of the wiping surfaces to engage <u>said</u> mating contacts of <u>said</u> another, mating connector, which mating contacts pass the wiping surfaces prior to engagement with the conductive surfaces, and a conductive shield surrounding the mating end of the housing, the wiping surfaces being closer to the shield than the contacts.

Please enter the following new claims 21 and 22:

--21. An electrical connector as recited in claim 19 wherein, the conductive surfaces on each contact are between edge margins on each contact, and the wiping surfaces are offset from the conductive surface areas on the contacts, and are in alignment with the edge margins on the contacts.

22. An electrical connector as recited in claim 1 wherein; the conductive surfaces on each contact are between edge margins on each contact, and the wiping surfaces are offset from the conductive surfaces on the contacts, and are in alignment with the edge margins on the contacts.--
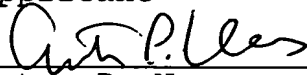
REMARKS

This amendment is submitted in response to the Decision of the Board, wherein the rejections of claims 3, 11, 13, 14 and 19 were sustained, and the rejections of claims 1, 4, 6 to 9, 12, and 16 to 18 were reversed. Claims 5, 10, 15 and 20 stand allowed. Claims 3 and 13 are canceled, and claim 11 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of allowable claim 12. It is believed that claims 14 and 19 are also now allowable because they depend from claim 11 which is now believed to be allowable. New claims 21 and 22 are entered to depend from claims 11 and 1 respectively, and incorporate the limitations of original claims 13 and 3.

In summary, it is believed that the following claims are now allowable: 1, 4 to 11, and 14 to 22.

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It is believed that no fee is due with respect to newly added claims 21 and 22.

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